

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
    - an image bearing member;
    - an intermediate transferring member for
  - 5 receiving a transfer of a toner image from said image bearing member;
    - cleaning means which cleans the toner image on said intermediate transferring member;
    - a first mode for transferring a toner image on
  - 10 said intermediate transferring member onto a transfer material; and
    - a second mode for forming a toner image in an entire area capable of image formation on said intermediate transferring member and cleaning said
  - 15 toner image without transfer to the transfer material.
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2. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said cleaning means cleans the toner image electrically.
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3. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said cleaning means includes means for charging the toner image on said intermediate transferring member in an inverse polarity, and means
  - 25 for executing electrical cleaning.
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4. An image forming apparatus according to

claim 1, wherein said cleaning means forms an electrical field between said intermediate transferring member and said image bearing member.

5        5. An image forming apparatus according to  
claim 1, further comprising memory means which stores  
a history of use of said intermediate transferring  
member, wherein the image forming apparatus executes  
said second mode based on information from said  
10      memory means.

6. An image forming apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein the image forming apparatus executes  
said second mode prior to execution of said first  
15      mode in case said intermediate transferring member is  
unused.

7. An image forming apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein the image forming apparatus, after a  
20      turn-on of a power supply thereof, executes said  
second mode prior to execution of said first mode.